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The Rev. James Lawson, left, who led the successful struggle against segregation in Nashville, was the Civil Rights Conference keynote speaker, Feb. 26. Leo Lillard, center, led a discussion with Mary Salynn McCollum and Diane Nash on the "Tennessee Freedom Riders." Bobby Lovett, a professor of history and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Tennessee State University and the foremost historian of the Civil Rights Movement in the state of Tennessee, also spoke at the conference.

Gray will be next academic speaker on March 17

Dr. Kimberly Gray, a noted engineer and environmental planner, will speak in the Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at 7:30 p.m., March 17. In addition to being on the Honors Programs Academic Speakers program, Gray will also appear as a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer.

A native of Chicago,



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- **Dr. Neil Graves**, professor of English, presented two academic papers during February, one at Arizona State University and the other at the University of Louisville. At the annual Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (ACMRS) Conference, his topic was synesthetic imagery in Shakespeare's Sonnets. At the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900, he presented an evaluation of Julian Bond's poetry. Graves also chaired a creative writing session at the Louisville conference.

- **Dr. Roberto Mancusi**, assistant professor of voice, sang with the nationally touring production of Neil Berg's "100 Years of Broadway," in Paducah, Ky. Mancusi was asked to sing a solo in the finale of the concert. This opportunity came after he won the show's vocal competition; a competition that the producer/director Neil Berg holds prior to his arrival at some of his performing venues. Entries are judged by a panel of musical theater industry professionals. The entire cast of the show is in the middle of major careers performing on Broadway, touring nationally, recording and some have appeared on television.

- **Dr. Bradley G. Coker**, assistant professor of music, has recently been appointed as Interim

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Talking About Teaching sessions announced

Upcoming Talking about Teaching sessions include the following for spring semester.

- Social Media Network Tools in the Classroom is planned noon-1:30 p.m., March 5, Room 125, Boling University Center (off of the cafeteria). Dr. David

Barber, assistant professor of history, Tracy Rutledge, instructor of communications, and Steve Holt, director of Instructional Technology Center and Web Services, will discuss positive and negative aspects of this technology in

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A recent Talking about Teaching session featured past Reagan Leave recipients who talked about the benefits of having time to conduct research, meet new colleagues, write papers, and how the research they conducted while on leave renewed their classroom teaching. The UT Martin Alma and Hal Reagan Faculty Leave Program is designed to enable participants to become more effective teachers and scholars by engaging in a variety of academic/renewal experiences. Faculty members are encouraged to apply for supplementary external grants or other awards while on leave, as long as the additional resources do not interfere with the stated purpose of the Reagan Faculty Leave Program outlined in the application. Among those at the session were, from left, Drs. Chris Caldwell, Lynn Alexander, Donna Cooper Graves and Louis Kolitsch.

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Gray received her bachelor of arts degree in biology from Northwestern University, a master of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Miami (Fla.), and a doctorate in environmental engineering from Johns Hopkins University. After serving as a research engineer at the Lyonnaise des Eaux in Paris, France, Gray returned to the United States in 1989 and served as first assistant, and then associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame. In 1995, she moved to Northwestern University and is currently professor of civil and environmental engineering, as well as director of the Environmental Services Program and coordinator of Environmental Engineering and Science and associate director of the Institute of Environmental Catalysis at Northwestern.

Gray is active in research and in community affairs. She is the author of several monographs, book chapters, more than 50 journal articles, and is a member of the Institute of Policy Research at Northwestern. She served on the board of directors of the Chicago Redevelopment Initiative from 2002-06 and has been the director of the Institute of Sustainable Practices, a joint program operated by Northwestern University and Argonne National Laboratory, since 2007.

She has received numerous awards and honors, including recognition as an Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellow by the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University, as well as the McCormick Excellence Award in Research, Teaching & Citizenship from Northwestern University in 2007.

"With energy costs increasing, supplies becoming more scarce, and the environmental effects of the burning of fossil fuels growing more pronounced, the nation needs to reconsider its energy policies," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director. "Kimberly Gray has been active for the past two decades in the study of energy policy and energy sustainability. She has been active in the construction of both energy and environmental policy and her ideas in these areas will provoke a great deal of thought among the audience."

FFA chapter claims 5th state award at state conference

The Collegiate FFA chapter was named top collegiate chapter in the state for the fifth consecutive year at the recent Tennessee FFA Alumni State Convention at Montgomery Bell State Park.

UT Martin collegiate competition team winners were: Heather McLean, of Newbern, agricultural professions; Laura Campbell, of Spring Hill, agricultural production; and Neil Bringle, of Ripley, prepared speaking. Bringle and Doug Giles, of Franklin, each received a \$500 scholarship from the FFA Foundation.

Dr. James N. Butler Jr., professor of agricultural education, is Collegiate FFA adviser.

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their repertoire of teaching skills. Social media network tools include MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, Digg, Friendster, Google Apps and Wiki.

- Electronic Databases will be the topic from noon-1 p.m., March 25, Room 120, Paul Meek Library. Sam Richardson, instruction/circulation librarian, will lead discussion on new databases and how faculty can use electronic databases strategically in research and with classroom assignments.

- Writing for Publication is planned from noon-1 p.m., April 1, Room 125, university center. Faculty from each of the five colleges will discuss strategies for getting published and how the exercise affects their teaching.

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principal tubist with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. The remainder of the 2008-2009 JSO concert season includes subscription and pops performances in Jackson, an outreach concert in Union City and community performances for school children in the Jackson/Madison County area.

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CALENDAR

March 2-8

Monday, March 2

- Skyhawk golf, Grover Page Classic, Jackson Country Club, Jackson (March 2-3)
- 6 p.m. - English Department awards banquet, Room 206B, Boling University Center
- 7:30 p.m. - Wind ensemble concert, Harriet Fulton Theatre, Fine Arts Building

Tuesday, March 3

- OVC men's/women's basketball tournament, first round - TBA
- 10 a.m. - Campus wide career fair, university center
- 2 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball @ SIU
- 5 p.m. - Nicole Bell and Angie Hinojosa, senior art exhibitions, lobby, Fine Arts Building

Wednesday, March 4

- 4 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball vs. Bethel, Skyhawk Baseball Field

Thursday, March 5

- 4 p.m. - Skyhawk baseball vs. Lambuth, Skyhawk Baseball Field
- 9 p.m. - SGA Senate meeting, Room 111, university center

Friday, March 6

- OVC men's/women's basketball, Final Four @ Nashville, TBA
- 10 a.m. - Skyhawk men's/women's tennis @ Valdosta
- 4 p.m. - Skyhawk softball vs. Winthrop University @ Georgia Tech Buzz Classic
- 6 p.m. - Skyhawk softball vs. Toledo University @ Georgia Tech Buzz Classic

Saturday, March 7

- OVC women's basketball, Final Four, TBA
- Skyhawk women's equestrian vs. Fresno State, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex, TBA
- 8 a.m. - UT Martin piano competition, Harriet Fulton Theatre
- 11 a.m. - Skyhawk softball vs. Mercer University @ Georgia Tech Buzz Classic
- 4 p.m. - Skyhawk softball vs. Western Kentucky @ Georgia Tech Buzz Classic
- 7 p.m. - OVC men's basketball, championship game @ Nashville

Sunday, March 8

- Skyhawk golf, Samford Intercollegiate, Limestone Country Club (March 8-10)
- Noon - Skyhawk softball vs. Florida A&M @ Georgia Tech Buzz Classic

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